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Regarding: Guidance for Ambient Monitoring Network Changes

To [REDACTED],

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the Air Quality Division's (AQD) policies and procedures regarding changes to a facility's ambient monitoring network.

Any changes to the monitoring network at any permitted facility must be a well documented part of the written public record. For this reason, all requests for changes to a facility's ambient monitoring network must be submitted to the Monitoring Section in writing and all changes to a facility's ambient monitoring network must be approved by the Monitoring Section in writing. This includes but is not limited to monitor location changes, monitor replacement, monitor shutdown and monitor schedule changes and is a separate process from the permit application process.

Because of the way in which monitoring data is used, monitor moves can be more accurately described as monitor shutdowns with an accompanying monitor startup at a new location. This new location requires a new name, new AQS site ID and Monitoring Section approval. AQS site ID's for any new monitors will be issued by the AQD's Monitoring Section after written approval has been granted.

Written requests for changes to a facility's monitoring network should include at minimum:

- 1) A request to alter a specific monitor in the facility's monitoring network.
- 2) A reason why the monitor should be altered with supporting documentation.
- 3) A demonstration that the resulting monitoring network will remain sufficient for monitoring impacts and demonstrating compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and the ambient standards in Chapter 2, Section 2 of the WAQSR from current as well as future (5-year projection) facility activities.

No changes to a facility's monitoring network will be approved that results in a lack of monitors downwind of stacks, active pits, reclamation operations, stockpiles, processing equipment, and other operations which may result in fugitive emissions.

Any request for monitoring network changes should be submitted in writing to the Monitoring Section Manager, Air Quality Division, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002. For coal mines, a separate copy to Kirk Billings, Air Quality Specialist, 510 Meadowview Drive, Lander, WY 82520 would facilitate the approval process and would be appreciated.

For questions or additional guidance concerning this matter please contact Kirk Billings (for coal mines) at kbilli@wyo.gov or 307-335-6963. All other facilities should contact Amber Potts at apotts@wyo.gov or (307) 777-2489.

Sincerely,

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